

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BUTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RENE MONTENEGRO-VIRREY,

Defendant.

CR 24-29-BU-DLC

FINDINGS &
RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING PLEA

The Defendant, by consent, has appeared before me under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 and has entered a plea of guilty to the charge of possession with intent to distribute controlled substances in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) (Count 2), as set forth in the Indictment. In exchange for Defendant's plea, the United States has agreed to dismiss Count 1.

At the Defendant's hearing concerning their change of plea, the Government moved to dismiss Count 2 of the Indictment as to fentanyl. The Defendant did not object.

After examining the Defendant under oath, I have made the following determinations:

1. That the Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an

informed and voluntary plea,

2. That the Defendant is aware of the nature of the charge against him and consequences of pleading guilty to the charge,
3. That the Defendant fully understands his constitutional rights, and the extent to which he is waiving those rights by pleading guilty, and
4. That the plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea, supported by an independent basis in fact sufficient to prove each of the essential elements of the offense charged.

The Court further concludes that the Defendant had adequate time to review the Plea Agreement with counsel, that he fully understands each and every provision of the agreement and that all of the statements in the Plea Agreement are true. Therefore, I recommend that the Defendant be adjudged guilty of Count 2 of the Indictment, and that sentence be imposed. I further recommend that Count 1 of the Indictment be dismissed and that Count 2 of the Indictment be dismissed to the extent it involves fentanyl.

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**This report is forwarded with the recommendation that the Court defer
a decision regarding acceptance until the Court has reviewed the Plea
Agreement and the presentence report.**

DATED this 2nd day of December, 2024.



Kathleen L. DeSoto
United States Magistrate Judge